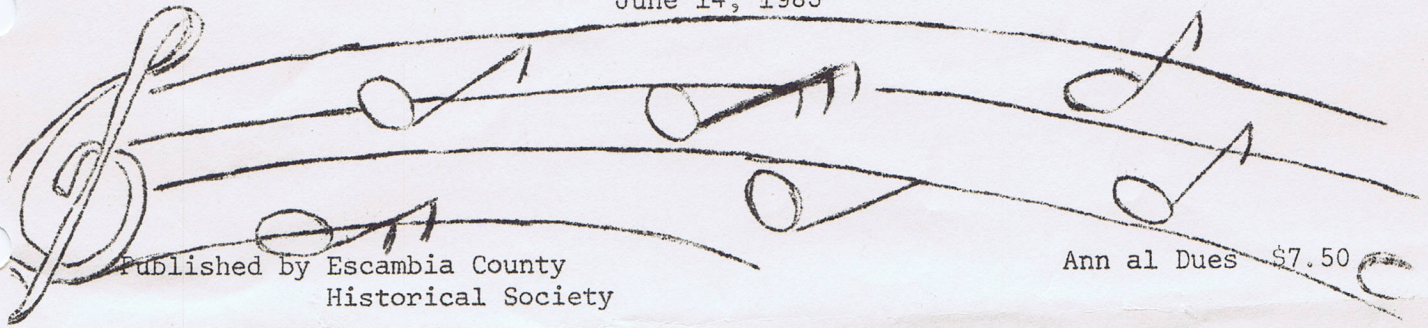


ESCAMBIA ECHOES

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Historical Society

Annual Dues \$7.50

Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 1983

Place: Thomas E. McMillan Museum

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Topic: Music Memories

Speaker: Mrs. Georgia Hart

Mrs. Georgia Hart is a resident of Flomaton, Alabama. A retired school teacher, she taught at Flomaton. She is a graduate of Huntington College, and a member of the ADK Sorority. She is a member of the Escambia County Retired Teachers Association, and is quite active. A few years ago she attended the European Music Trip with the Musical Association. She attended musical workshops in Europe.

The Society has planned a special musical program with a Tribute to deceased music teachers in this county. There will be a reception following the program. We welcome all members and friends.

Headstones and Heritage by McFarland and Shelton is available. Order one by sending a check for \$18.00 to Escambia County Historical Society, P. O. Box 276, Brewton, Alabama 36427.

Sickness: We are very sorry to hear that Alice T. Beall fell and broke her hip. She is at home now and improving. Good luck A.T.

L & N passenger trains to cease: April 29, 1971. "This week will see the last of the L & N passenger trains pass through Brewton.

Passenger train service on south bound trains will end at 4:10 a.m. Friday morning with the last train through to New Orleans. At 11:37 p.m. Friday evening, the last run north will pass through and stop at Montgomery.

And thus ends an era of train service here that has been both interesting and entertaining. For years, the L & N was "THE" way to travel, often with local residents ensconced in private staterooms and dining in luxury in the club cars, outfitted with bars and excellent service.

The first train service began here May 3, 1861 with E. T. Brewton as the local agent. At that time the railroad was known as the Mobile and

Montgomery and the station was located where Robbins and McGowin now is. The Mobile and Montgomery was later merged with the Louisville and Nashville in June of 1880.

Other facts of history on train service in the area include the last steam engine run through Brewton on passenger service in 1951; the last steam engine on L & N in 1956 and the discontinuation of the famous Hummingbird on September 7, 1968.

The era of passenger train service here ends on a rather sad note if you realize that the youngsters of today will probably grow up accustomed to casually traveling 600 plus miles an hour on a jet and without ever knowing the smells and sounds of rocketing through the night over the clack-clack of the railroad tracks."

-The Brewton Standard, 4/29/71

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